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ALBANY LIMITS LOCKWOOD BANK INQUIRY

LEGISLATORS DENY POWER TO LOCKWOOD FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION OF BANKS

Resolution Limits Inquiry to Loans Made on Mortgages of Buildings.

HE IS DISAPPOINTED. Senator Says Work Is Crippled, but Will Be Continued.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—The Lockwood Housing Committee was to-day denied the full power asked for in its investigation of the building and housing situation in Greater New York, by the Joint Committee of Finance and Ways and Means.

The power to go extensively into the affairs of banks and insurance companies requested by Samuel Untermyer was abridged to permission to go into the investments so far as they affect loans on mortgages on real estate. Included in such investigations are the title and mortgage companies.

The committee was given power to investigate these investments to determine whether bonuses were demanded and given for the loans, and if there were any other irregularities in the transactions. It cannot inquire into other investments by financial institutions, no matter whether the institution has loaned or not its full allotment on real estate mortgages.

The clause giving the Lockwood Committee access to the books and data of the Superintendent of Banks and of Insurance, to aid them in their investigation, was also stricken out. Mr. Untermyer will not be permitted to question the companies with regard to salaries of officers nor go into any other of their affairs outside of their building and loan investments.

The Lockwood Committee is empowered to compel the attendance of witnesses and to grant immunity to witnesses in its discretion. It also has the privilege of amending or repealing any or all of the rent laws passed in the extraordinary session of last September and in that of last winter.

Senator Lockwood declared that the investigation has been badly crippled by the resolution as reported.

"The resolution," he said, "gives us less power than we had under the old resolution, and were it not for the clause continuing the old resolution the housing investigation would be at a standstill. We are badly crippled, but we are going to continue the fight. The only additional power given us is the immunity clause."

500 IMMIGRANTS HELD IN PIER SHED APPEAL FOR HELP

Women and Children Kept on Cunard Dock Since Friday by Congestion.

FED BY MARKET MEN.

Officials Seek to Relieve Aliens Who Sleep on Mats in Chilly Quarters.

Five hundred immigrants, including women and children, held since Friday afternoon in the chilly pier of the Cunard Line at the foot of West 14th Street, were in such distress to-day they dropped letters of appeal from the windows to the market men below, who raised a fund of \$100 and bought food for them, sending it in by ropes.

The immigrants arrived Friday on the Saxonia and could not be accommodated at Ellis Island because of the crowded condition there. Nor could they be kept on board the ship, because it was scheduled to sail on the following day and did so.

From the Cunard line offices a statement was obtained which did not entirely bear out some of the reports of distress believed by the market men. It was admitted the immigrants were obliged to sleep on the asphalt floor, but it was said they were adequately provided with mats, mattresses and coverings. It was also stated hot coffee and good food was served them regularly by the immigration officials. The food sent up on ropes by the market men was chiefly fruit.

The pier is enclosed and has steam heat, but so little of it, the immigrants complained, overcoats were necessary in weather like this. Immigration inspectors were hard at work to-day trying to clear up the situation before night so another restless night on the chilly floor would not be necessary.

Many relatives of the immigrants gathered about the pier and some brought food delicacies which were hauled up by ropes.

The pier is partitioned, so the women and children are kept separate from the men. During the war military guards occupied the pier and slept there.

The market men's food fund, about \$100, was collected by Max Rothberg.

WAGE CUT OF 19 P. C. IN N. J. WOOL MILLS

Reduction in Seven Plants Totals \$2,500,000 a Year—Bonus and Overtime Hit.

An average reduction of about seven and one-half per cent. in the wages of 13,000 employees in seven of the largest wool and worsted mills in New Jersey is announced by the manufacturers. In addition the "high cost of living" bonus of \$3 a week has been eliminated and overtime cut 50 per cent., making the actual reductions in the workers' salaries about 19 per cent., totaling \$2,500,000 a year.

The companies that announced the reduction were the Botany Worsted Works, which were taken over during the war by A. Mitchell Palmer, then Enemy Alien Property Custodian; Fortman & Hoffmann Company, Gera Mills, New Jersey Worsted and Spinning Company, the Passaic Worsted and Spinning Company and the Garfield Worsted and Spinning Mills. The Fortman & Hoffmann Company has two plants, one in Clifton and the other in Garfield. All of the plants are near Passaic.

Officers of the workers' union could not say what their answer would be to the announcement of the companies.

Seek Repeal of Jersey Boxing Law. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 25.—Frank B. Champion of Essex County introduced a bill in the House to-day for the repeal of the boxing law.

\$30,000,000,000 BOND ISSUE BILL TO FUND U. S. DEBT

Securities to Replace Those Outstanding or for Long Time and Draw 4 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—FUNDING of the entire National debt into long-term bonds is proposed in a bill introduced to-day by Representative Petterson, Republican, New Jersey. It would authorize a bond issue of not more than \$30,000,000,000, the bonds to replace those outstanding.

The bill would limit the interest rate on the bonds to 5 per cent., but terms and conditions of the proposed issue would be left to the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury.

BRINDELL'S SAFES SEIZED IN HUNT TO GET PAPERS

Mr. Untermyer Says He Will Get Services of a "Jimmy Valentine" to Open Them.

Two tall steel filing cabinets, with combination locks were unloaded from a truck at the White Street door of the Criminal Courts Building shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were set up on the first floor guarded by a number of agents from the Attorney General's office.

The safes had been taken by order of Justice McAvoy from the office of Robert P. Brindell, an trial for extortion.

Later in the day Samuel Untermyer said he would obtain the services of a Jimmy Valentine-like person who would open them "by ear."

The bringing of the strong boxes into the custody of the court was made necessary because Roswell D. Tompkins, Secretary of the Building Trades Council and the only person except Brindell who knows the combination, is outside the reach of the court. Whether or not the missing records of the Building Trades Council are in the safes will not be known until Mr. Untermyer and his staff get at their contents. Brindell cannot be forced to open the safes lest he thus obtain immunity on the ground he has been compelled to testify against himself.

When the safe movers looked over the steel boxes and inquired about anchoring tackle to the roof of the building to hoist the safes out, one of the building trades members who was watching the proceedings, said: "You are the union safe movers. We have men here that will hoist them on their back and go downstairs smoking a pipe. Those safes are empty. Give 'em a shake and see."

BRINDELL THREATS DROVE OUT UNION MEN ON BIG JOB

His "Wild Men" Installed in Effort to Make His Council Supreme.

Robert C. Whiting, supervisor of labor affairs for the George A. Fuller Construction Co., was the first witness of the day at the continuation of the trial of Robert P. Brindell for extortion. He described the manner in which William Waikel, sub-contractor for house wrecking, was forced to discharge members of the Polish or Zoranko Housewreckers' Union at work on the Munson Building at Wall, Pearl and Beaver Streets, in April and May, 1920. Instead of them Waikel had to take men from Brindell's organization.

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WHITMAN TRACES POLICE GRAFT TO TWO INSPECTORS

Grand Jury Gets Evidence Which May Bring the Indictment of Retired Captain.

AFTER THREE OTHERS.

Witnesses Well Known Manufacturers of Ladies' Garments—Insurance Men Testify.

Former Governor Whitman as Special Prosecutor took three witnesses before the Grand Jury this afternoon to present evidence which was expected to lead to the indictment of a recently retired police captain on charges of accepting unlawful fees.

The information on which Mr. Whitman acted was obtained for him by Detective Al Thomas, chief investigator for the former Governor in his inquiry into municipal affairs. The witnesses were all well known manufacturers of ladies' garments. It was said that they would tell the Grand Jury of paying money to a certain detective agency during a strike of employees three years ago.

From the detective agency, it is reported, the money went to the police official whose indictment is expected. Efforts are also being made by Whitman to connect three other police captains and two inspectors with automobile and strike graft. Evidence along this line was presented to the Grand Jury. Mr. Whitman also called adjusters of insurance offices and presented their evidence to the Grand Jury.

Information has reached Mr. Whitman that thousands of dollars have been paid as rewards to policemen for bringing about the return of stolen automobiles, and that other large sums were distributed by the Garment Manufacturers' Association for police protection during the strike in that industry.

The insurance adjusters were accompanied to the Criminal Courts Building by Attorney Royal H. Weller, No. 31 Nassau Street. The adjusters took with them check and account books. In one instance a check made payable to the Police Commissioner of New York was found to have been indorsed by a patrolman.

Under the law, rewards to members of the Police Department are supposed to be divided 50 per cent. to the winner, 10 per cent. to the pension fund and 40 per cent. to the relief fund. In many cases, Mr. Whitman has been told, the entire proceeds were obtained by persons cashing the checks, without any division being made as provided.

ENVOY'S DAUGHTER TO WED.

Miss Elizabeth Willard Reported Engaged to Secretary of Embassy Madrid.

MADRID, Jan. 25.—Elizabeth Willard, daughter of Joseph Willard, United States Ambassador to Spain, is betrothed to Mervyn Herbert, Secretary of the British Embassy in this city. It is announced by La Epoca.

U. S. AND JAPAN AGREE TO SETTLE CALIFORNIA CASE

Washington Announces That Negotiations Have Been Successfully Concluded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Associated Press.)

NEGOTIATIONS between American and Japanese representatives for the settlement of the California question and the definition of the rights of Japanese in the United States have been successfully concluded.

COAL PROFITEERS MULCTED PEOPLE OF \$1,500,000,000

Senator Calder a Witness Before Committee Hearing on Bill for Regulation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—THE opinion that the American people were "mulcted" of a billion and a half dollars last year "by the men in the coal trade" was expressed to-day by Senator Calder, Republican, New York, who was a witness before the Senate Committee considering his bill for Federal regulation of the coal industry.

B.R.T. RECEIVERSHIP IS DENOUNCED IN ALBANY AS 'JOKE'

Inquiry Demanded as to Need of Paying \$131,000 to Find Lines Do Not Pay.

(Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—Senator Alvin W. Burlingame of Brooklyn arose in the Senate this morning to a question of privilege and expressed his opinion very forcibly of the handling of the receivership of the B. R. T. by a Special Federal Judge to handle the affairs of the B. R. T., who has also a jurisdiction in Brooklyn, and also of a receiver who, he said, has since taken up his residence in Manhattan, who never did live in Brooklyn, and knows little or nothing about that part of Greater New York.

He said that for twelve months of receivership Mr. Garrison, a former Federal office holder, had received \$125,000. Stone and Webster, the expert accountants, he said, received \$131,000 in practically the same period for telling Receiver Garrison that the roads were losing money under his receivership.

"When Receiver Garrison was asked his opinion by reporters of the proposed investigation of the Brooklyn 'defection,' the Senator continued, 'he said that it was a joke.'"

The whole thing is evidently a joke with Mr. Garrison. When the B. R. T. sought a friendly receiver, they did not go to either of the two Federal Judges in Brooklyn, but to Judge Mayer in Manhattan. Their pretext was that there were creditors in Manhattan, and so there were. They were creditors whose claims totalled something like \$16,000, and to guard this amount of money and to collect it, if possible, they have given the receiver \$125,000, and the expert accountants \$131,000.

"And these sums, it is explicitly stated, are only on account. How much more the receiver and his expert accountants are to receive is problematical."

Mr. Burlingame concluded by insisting upon the immediate consideration of the Simpson resolution demanding an investigation of the affairs of the B. R. T.

SEPARATE CARS, PLAN FOR WOMEN IN RUSH HOURS

Two Bills to Provide for Them Introduced in the Legislature.

ALBANY, Jan. 25.

SEPARATE trolley cars for women in New York City during "rush hours" is the aim of bills introduced in the Legislature to-day by Assemblyman John O. Gempler, Republican, of Kings, who represents Mayor Hylan's district, and Senator George M. Belschmann, also a Brooklyn Republican.

The bills are intended to empower the Public Service Commission to determine what are "rush hours."

COMBINE ALL TRANSIT LINES UNDER CITY OWNERSHIP, MILLER SAYS IS HIS PLAN

Tells Albany Correspondents His Message Was Misunderstood and Even Hints at Lower Fares When All the Systems Are Under One Management.

By Joseph S. Jordan. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—Gov. Miller talked this morning with the legislative correspondents on his message, and answered questions as they were put to him.

He said that while he believed in municipal ownership, he did not believe in municipal operation.

"Municipal operation and municipal ownership," he said, "are two different things. Municipal operation would be absolutely fatal to good service or proper economies of service. We have got to have roads operated solely as a business is conducted."

The Governor said he was not prophesying when asked if he did not believe fares would ultimately be lower than five cents.

With regard to the suggestion that he is proposing that the State usurp the powers of the city, he said: "That is due to the confusion of mind of those who are in the habit of viewing this from one angle. The cities never had power over public utilities except that which was delegated by the State. Until 1907, when the Public Service Commission Law was enacted, there was no regulation of public utilities by the State except the constitutional provision which gave the municipalities the right to consent to the laying of tracks, and having that power they had the power of refusal and could refuse consent, necessarily the power to impose conditions."

SAYS HE IS GETTING BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES. Of course, prior to 1907 there was the old Railroad Commission Law which did not seek to regulate in the same sense as the Public Service Commission Law of 1907, but as a matter of fact the State never delegated to the cities complete power over public utilities. My recommendations return the question to that which existed at the time the city made its initial payment of \$65,000,000 toward the subway.

"It would be difficult to evolve a unified system if half of it were owned by private interests and the other half by the public. The city has already adopted a plan of municipal ownership and private operation. It already owns the backbone of what would be the unified system." "Some legislators say they will vote for your plan, providing no higher fare than five cents be allowed," the Governor was told.

"That reflects a state of mind bordering on insanity," replied the Governor. "In my judgment it is not a fare question. The fare question is only incidental; the real question is one of public service and the solution of the traction problem transcends the fare question. If the people would view the problem in this light they would find they would soon be paying less than five cents."

In the view of many members the Governor's message is really the opening of the eight-cent fare fight. With the Jenks fare grab bills of last year, reintroduced to-day or to-morrow, both sides will rally to the fray.

CITY MEMBERS MAY JOIN HANDS IN FIGHT.

The Democrats will oppose not only the Jenks bills to increase fares, but also the Governor's proposal to take control of local traction matters out of the hands of the city authorities. Most of the city Republican members are expected to join them.

Of the Governor's message, James

Resolution Adopted Directing Report on Suspension of Building for Six Months.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A resolution directing the Senate Naval Affairs Committee to report whether it is possible for the United States to suspend its naval building programme for six months was adopted to-day by the Senate.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Borah, who announced that if the Naval Committee did not have the information upon which to base a conclusion he would offer another resolution for a complete investigation of the subject. This investigation would bring to light facts concerning the plans of other nations.

REPORT THE KAISER LOSING HIS MIND

Said That He Is Unable to Write and Cannot Remember Faces.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The Berne correspondent of L'Intransigent declared to-day it was believed there that the former Kaiser is losing his mind. It is said he is reported to be unable to write now, that he cannot remember names and faces and that his entourage has grave fears for his sanity.

Berne is a gathering place for former royalty which is believed to be conversant with affairs in the Kaiser's retreat.

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